

GOOD INCREASE IN HANDLING OF MAIL IS MADE

**Fifteen Per Cent More Than
Last Year Cared
For.**

Postoffice employees handled 15 per cent more Christmas mail this year than last.

The announcement was made today by Robert H. Bryson, postmaster, at the close of the distribution of Christmas mail. Through the efforts of Bryson, all mail carriers were given a holiday today, the first general holiday ever enjoyed by the postoffice employees on Christmas.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, more than 1,000,000 pieces of mail passed through the postoffice daily.

"I am highly elated over the results of the 'mail early' campaign this year," Bryson said. "Never before has the public responded so enthusiastically to the appeal of the postoffice."

Earlier Campaign

"Anticipating a larger mailing year than in years previous, the department began its campaign for Christmas mailing earlier.

"The fact that we opened about 80,000 square feet of floor space in the parcel post station at Illinois and South St., and handled all parcel post mail through this branch, aided in keeping the main postoffice clear.

"About 400 additional clerks and carriers were employed, beginning Dec. 13. Because a great number of these carriers and clerks were experienced civil service men, the mail was handled with ease."

Open on Sunday

Bryson said the opening of the main postoffice and all classified sub-stations last Sunday afternoon for five hours was an asset in delivering the mail.

"Many persons who did their shopping on Saturday and had the packages wrapped Sunday were glad of the opportunity of getting them out of the way," he stated.

"Another feature which made the service this year more efficient was placing weighing and wrapping tables on the first floor of the Federal Bldg. This saved a great deal of time and we were able to take care of mail until the closing hours."

SHRINE WILL GIVE PARTIES FOR HOLIDAYS

**Social Season Will Open
Monday—Children to Be
Entertained.**

Social activities of the Shriners of Murat Temple for the holiday season will open Monday afternoon, with the annual Christmas party for the Shrine children—"kiddies from one to sixteen"—of Shrine families being invited to attend, according to Charles J. Orblson, potentate of the temple. The potentate also announced that "big Shriners" and members of their families would be guests at a party and dance to be given Monday evening.

Orblson has appointed a committee of women of the Shrine to act as hostesses for the Christmas party, with the announcement that Robert L. Elder, chief ceremonial director, and his assistants comprising the "wrecking crew" will "do all the hard work."

Women on Committee

The women named on the committee are: Mrs. Charles J. Orblson, Mrs. George M. Spiegel, Mrs. Arthur B. Wagner, Mrs. William H. Bookstader, Mrs. Arthur R. Robinson, Mrs. Charles F. Meyer Sr., Mrs. Charles S. Barker, Mrs. Frank G. Laird, Mrs. Leslie D. Clancy, Mrs. Robert L. Elder, Mrs. Edward B. Raub, Mrs. Roptare Eggleston, Mrs. Paul Richey, Mrs. Charles C. Brautigan, Mrs. Wallace Buchanan, Mrs. Harry K. Stormont, Mrs. Charles Mayer Sr., Mrs. Denton F. Billingsley, Mrs. Leon T. Leach, Mrs. Elmer F. Gay, Mrs. E. J. Scoonover, Mrs. John E. Milnor and Mrs. Louis G. Buddenbaum.

The afternoon party Monday for the Shrine kiddies will provide many forms of amusements, Robert L. Elder announces, and there will be "camel rides" on Murat's celebrated dromedary, a big Christmas tree with presents for all the youngsters and refreshments of a continuous nature. It was stated.

The Monday party and dance will be exclusively for Shriners and members of their families, with admission by Shrine membership card. It was announced. E. J. Gausepohl is chairman of the entertainment committee having charge of the evening. Dancing will be one of the major features, it was said, and refreshments will be served. Cards and other amusements will be provided in the social rooms of the Temple.

To Open New Year
Murat Temple officially will open the new year with a reception by the potentate and members of the divan, to the membership of the Temple and their families. The reception will be held from 2 to 5:30 p. m., and admission will be by Shrine 1925 membership card, it was announced.

The annual business meeting of Murat Temple, including the election of officers, will be held at the Temple Monday night, Jan. 18, it was announced.

The life membership campaign of

Murat Temple will come to a close Dec. 31. Potentate Orblson announces. During the campaign more than 500 life memberships have been taken out, it was stated. The new rate, effective Jan. 1, is \$50 higher, according to Imperial Council action, it was explained.

STATE BANKERS PLAN LAW FOR CRIME BUREAU

**Editorial Says Prosecution
of Criminals Sorely
Handicapped.**

A bill creating a criminal bureau of investigation and identification, to aid in prosecution of criminals, will be introduced in the next Legislature by bankers it was indicated today. Finger prints and records of all criminals would be kept.

An editorial in The Hoosier Banker, official Indiana Bankers Association magazine, edited by Miss Porba McDaniel, urged establishment of the bureau.

"Owing to changing conditions, even in the criminal world, Indiana sorely needs a bureau of criminal investigation and identification," the editorial said. Practice of defense attorneys arousing sympathy of jurors by "shaking the gory locks about prosecution of a poor man by a rich bankers organization," was scored.

"The criminal of today recognizes no law except that of expediency, while at the same time he is the first to cry out for every protective measure that will help him when he has been caught in a violation of the law. The State, on the other hand, must give him all these safeguards, and as a result criminals often evade justice," it said in part.

"Creation of such a bureau will be the first step towards strengthening the hands of the State in its fight on crime."

A. G. Brown of Greencastle, protective chairman, is doing research work necessary for proper drafting of a preliminary bill. He has studied the system in other States where it is said to have reduced crime.

HUMANE LAWS

The enforcement of laws regarding humane treatment of livestock, especially during transportation, has done a great deal towards eliminating unnecessary rough and cruel treatment of the animals.

Pastries baked on the premises are another reason for eating at White's Cafeteria "On the Circle."

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1:00 P.M. 2:55 P.M. 3:30 P.M. 5:10 P.M.

7:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M. 9:35 P.M. 11:10 P.M.

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LOW PRICES

After-Christmas Clearance

250 Winter Coats to Clear \$20

After-Christmas clearance sale of two hundred and fifty more expensive winter coats—coats of styles and quality fall in the sweeping price reduction clearance sale to a price way below the original. Fine Bolivians, pin points, suedes, in sizes and styles for misses, women and larger women, 16 to 52½. Handsome trimming of fur collars, cuffs, tabs, fronts, borders, etc., of mandel, pieced squirrel, Manchurian wolf, coney, beaverette and so on. Fully lined coats, some with silk crepe. A wide selection of colors from which to choose. The time to pick up a coat at a clearance price is here. Out these go at exactly twenty dollars.

Luxurious Coats Hundreds of Dresses

In the Sweeping Reduction Sale

Priced for Immediate Clearance

\$49.⁵⁰

\$39.⁵⁰

\$29.⁵⁰

\$12.⁰⁰

\$6.⁹⁸

\$5.⁰⁰

Elegant coats of fine, soft, rich quality materials, including pin points, fine Bolivians, suedes and Belotia cloth, with handsome civet cat, platinum wolf, mendoza beaver, pieced beaver, opossum, select Manchurian wolf trimmed collars, cuffs, fronts, borders. Everything about these coats, the tailoring, trimmings, silk crepe linings and style, suggest quality. In gracklehead blue, new reds, brown, black. Sizes 16 to 46. Their original price was low, considering this character garments, and now marked much lower for clearance.

Hundreds of dresses reduced for tomorrow's clearance. Silk frocks, cloth and novelty materials for evening, dinner, informal, sports and afternoon wear.

Beautiful Cantons, satins, beaded frocks, jacquards, balbriggans, twillsheens, Poirer sheens, flat crepes in new styles, including circular skirts, flare skirts, basque effects. A fine color assortment—black, tan, green, blue, Bois de Rose, etc. All attractively styled, well tailored, smartly trimmed dresses, marked way below their regular prices at this time in order to clear from stock. Sizes 16 to 52.

After Christmas Sale of Room Size Rugs

\$10.75 to \$39.75

Axminsters, velvets, Brussels. All sizes, 6x9, 7½x9, 8.3x10.6 and 9x12. Handsome patterns and rich colorings—rugs that will give excellent service and satisfaction to their owners. If you receive money for Christmas, invest it in one of these splendid rugs and you'll spend it to good advantage.

Room-Size Rugs Sold on Deferred Payments

\$5 Down and \$5 a Month, or \$2 Down and \$1 a Week

Clearance of Women's Low Shoes

Strictly high-grade pumps, straps and oxfords in all sizes from 3 to 8. A wonderful selection in calfskin, satin, patent and velvets await those who share in these savings. Strictly high-grade low shoes reduced to clearance prices.

\$2.⁹⁵

Women's Arch Support Oxfords, Pr., \$2.95

Three hundred pairs of arch support oxfords in brown calf, brown kid, black patent; not all sizes in any style, but all sizes in the lot from 3 to 10. AAA to C.

Men's Brown, Tan and Black Oxfords, Pr., \$2.95

Goodyear welt soles, rubber heels; neat, dressy last; sizes 6 to 11.

Special Clearance of Floor Lamps

Complete With Shade

Deliveries Made \$5.⁵⁰

Metal and wood bases, both bridge and junior styles beautifully finished; with Georgette covered and silk shades; fringe, braid and ruching trimmed. Most all colors. Lamps complete at \$5.50.

16-Inch Mama Dolls

Reduced to \$1.49

16-Inch Mama Dolls

Reduced to \$1.25

Boudoir Lamps,

Reduced to \$1.50

Smoking Stands,

Reduced to \$1.95

Women's Heavy Sport Hose, Pair, 39c

For this sort of weather these heavy rayon plaited sports hose in English and pineapple ribbed-toe style are the thing. Hemmed top and fully reinforced foot. Sizes 8½ to 10. Irregulars. Assortment of colors.

Women's Silk and Wool and Wool and Cotton Mixed Hose, Pair, 69c

Fancy sports hose in silk and wool and wool and cotton mixed; hemmed top and fully reinforced foot. Sizes 8½ to 10. Irregulars; assorted colors.

Clearance in Children's Dept.

Junior Girls' Coats

Reduced to \$7.95 and \$10

Pelaires, velours, bolivias; fancy stitching and side trims; fur collars and fur trimmings; henna, blue, green, brown, red and tan. Sizes 7 to 14 years.

Mill Run Vanta

Shirts, 59c

Part wool, tie effects, finished with crocheted edging; sizes 1 to 4.

Wool Sacques, 79c

All-wool sacques in tie style, smart collar; pink, blue or white.

Little Tots' Jersey

Dresses, \$1.95

Panty style dresses embroidered or appliqued, some velvet trimmed; henna, gray, blue and green; sizes 2 to 6.

Part Wool Hose, Pr., 25c

About ¾ wool, and cotton; white; sizes 4½ to 6.

Booties, Pair, 49c

All-wool, knee length; white, trimmed in pink or blue.

Clearance Sale for Women

Women's Sweaters to Clear!

\$2.⁹⁵ to \$6.⁹⁵

Assorted styles, including wind-breakers, coat styles and turtle necks; most of these sweaters have been greatly reduced. All wanted colors; broken sizes, 36 to 44. \$6.95.

Heavy all-wool Shaker knit sweaters. Red, white and navy; warm, practical sweaters. Roll collar and two pockets. Sizes 36 to 44. \$6.95.

Clearance Sale of Women's Bloomers, 69c

Striped saten bloomers with double elastic cuff, reinforced.

Black, navy, purple, brown, green, etc. Sizes 27 to 29.

Clearance Sale of Costume Slips, 69c

Plain saten costume slips with hemstitched bodice tops, self-material straps and three-inch bottom hem. Brown, tan, green, black and navy. Sizes 36 to 44.

Women's Blanket Bathrobes, \$3.49

Medium, large and extra large size warm blanket robes with cord or braid trimmings; cord girdle; one pocket; medium, large and extra large sizes.

Women's Corsets, 69c

White and pink coutil, well boned and strong. Sizes 22 to 33.

Alexander Smith's Axminster Carpet Remnants

27 Inches wide, all grades; small and large figures; lengths from 20 to 48 inches; bound ends; fine for mats, throw rugs, etc.

Other Remnants Reduced

Wash goods, domestics, sheetings, tubing and all sorts of cotton dress goods.

Remnant Sale

Accumulation of remnants of all sorts from our Anniversary Sale and holiday business. Splendid savings to be realized in this group.

Silk Remnants Half-Price

All-silk, part silk and rayons; crepes, satins, Cantons, Bengallines, tulle and georgettes.

Curtain and Drapery Remnants Half Price

Netts, marquisettes, acrimis, madras, voiles, Shantung and other drapery fabrics. Usable lengths.